

# **Thermoelectric System Economics: Where the Laws of Thermoelectrics, Thermodynamics, Heat Transfer, and Economics Intersect**

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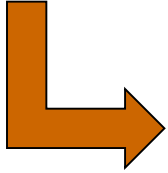
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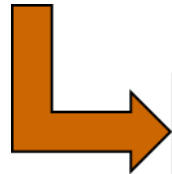
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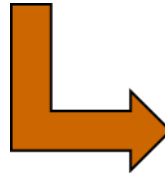
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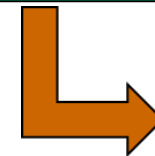
System Cost Modeling  
& Integration with  
System-Level Analysis



Characteristics of Cost Minimization  
When HEX Rigorously Included  
( $G_{opt}$  ,  $F_{opt}$  ) Relationships



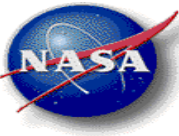
Cost Minimization  
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Cost Regime  
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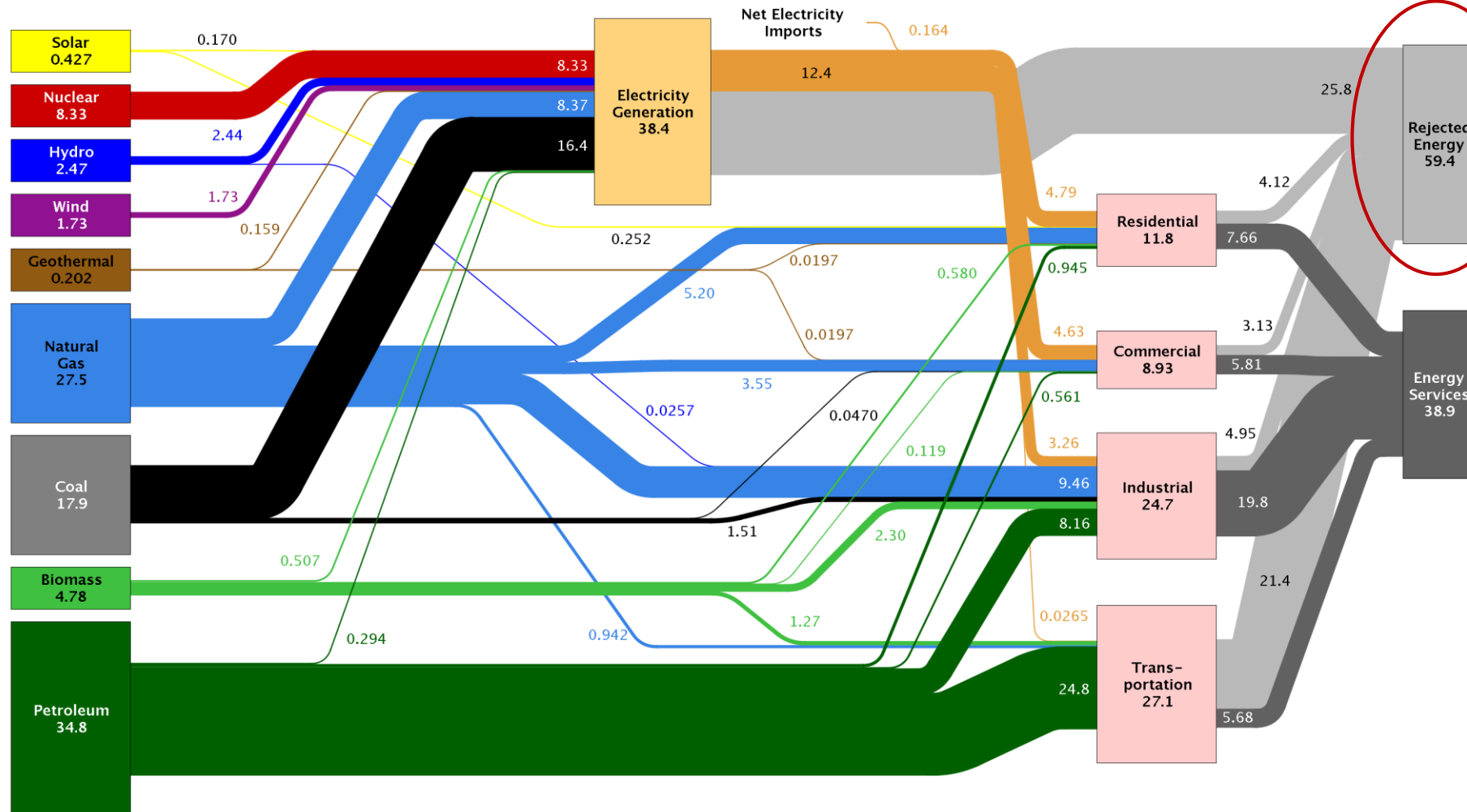
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# United States Energy Flow



Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2014: ~98.3 Quads

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- Waste Heat To Be “Harvested” 59.4 Quads
- Up ~ 5 Quads From 2009

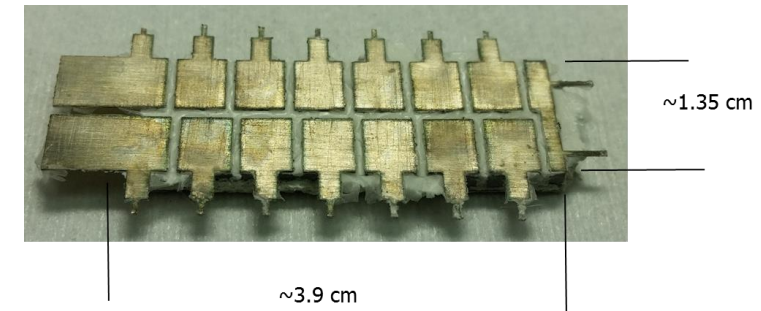


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# Terrestrial Waste Energy Recovery

- Thermoelectric Systems Considered a Prime Energy Recovery Technology Candidate / Option in Many Terrestrial Applications
- Terrestrial Energy Recovery Goals are Often Tied to:
  - Energy Savings
  - Environmental Savings and Impacts
  - Maximizing Conversion Efficiency
  - Maximum Power Output
- However, JPL is Currently Working on System Designs Where the Critical Design Metric is Maximizing Specific Power (W/kg)
  - Knowing Its Relationship to Maximum Power or Efficiency Points is Key
  - $T_{\text{exh}} = 823 \text{ K}$ ;  $T_{\text{amb}} = 273 \text{ K}$
- In Additional, Key Barriers Are Not So Much Performance Anymore as System-Level Cost (As Discussed in 2015 ICT, Dresden, Germany and ECT 2016, Lisbon)

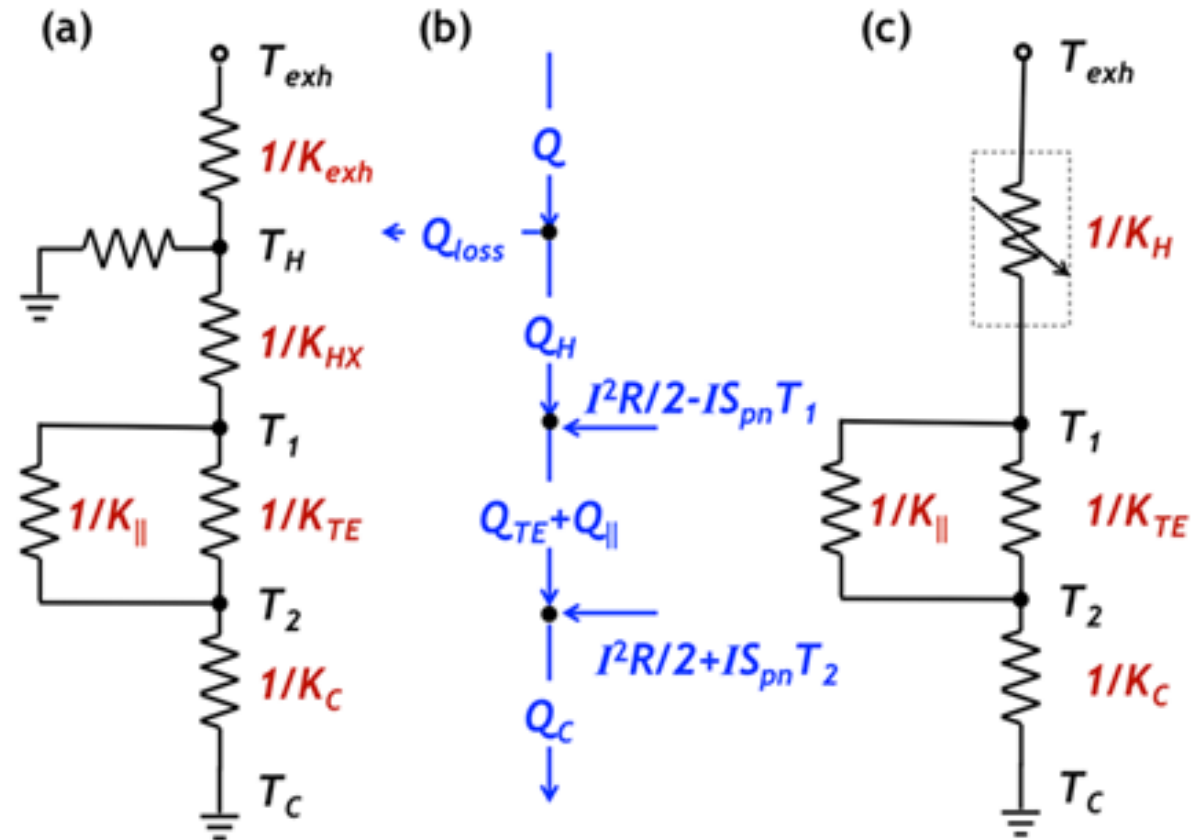
High Performance, High Power Flux  
Skutterudite TE Module Technology



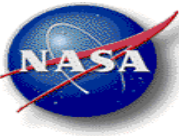
**Cost Modeling and Integrating Cost Modeling With System-Level Performance Modeling is Critical**

# Energy Recovery Thermal / Thermoelectric Modeling

- General Thermal / Thermoelectric Circuit Used Analysis
  - (a) Thermal resistance network for exhaust heat recovery including leakage from the hot-side heat exchanger.
  - (b) General heat and electrical energy flows.
  - (c) Equivalent (traditional) thermal circuit.



# Must Develop Technologies / Methods to Recover Energy Economically



- Leverage Cost Modeling Work of LeBlanc et al. [1] and Yee et al. [2]
- Combine with System-Level Analysis Work of Hendricks et al. [3]
- Include the Effects of Real-World Heat Exchangers in More Rigorous Cost Analysis Methodology
  - Cost & Performance (Heat Exchanger  $UA_h$ )
  - Heat Exchanger Interfacial Heat Flux
  - Rigorously Account for Different Operational Areas
- Hendricks et al. [3] Analysis Modified to Add in Fill Factor,  $F$ , and Heat Exchanger Area,  $A_{HEX}$ , into System Analysis Techniques
- Fill Factor and Heat Exchanger Area Are No Long “Arbitrarily Selected” Design Parameters – Part of Design Optimization Process

$$F = \frac{A_{TE}}{A_{HEX}}$$

$$\left(\frac{V}{N}\right)^* = f_v(T_h, T_c)$$

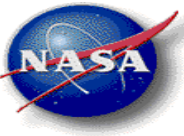
$$\left(I \cdot \frac{L}{F \cdot A_{HEX}}\right)^* = f_I(T_h, T_c)$$

$$\eta_{TE}^* = \frac{P}{Q_{h,TE}} = f_{eff}(T_h, T_c)$$

$$\left(\frac{Q_{h,TE} \cdot L}{N \cdot F \cdot A_{HEX}}\right)^* = f_{qh}(T_h, T_c)$$

$$q_{h,HEX}^* = F \cdot q_{h,TE}^* = \frac{Q_{h,TE} + Q_{loss}}{A_{HEX}} = f_Q(T_{exh}, T_h, T_c)$$

1. S. LeBlanc, S. K. Yee, M. L. Scullin, C. Dames and K. E. Goodson, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews*, **32**, 313-327, 2014.
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# Optimum Cost Fill Factor Analysis

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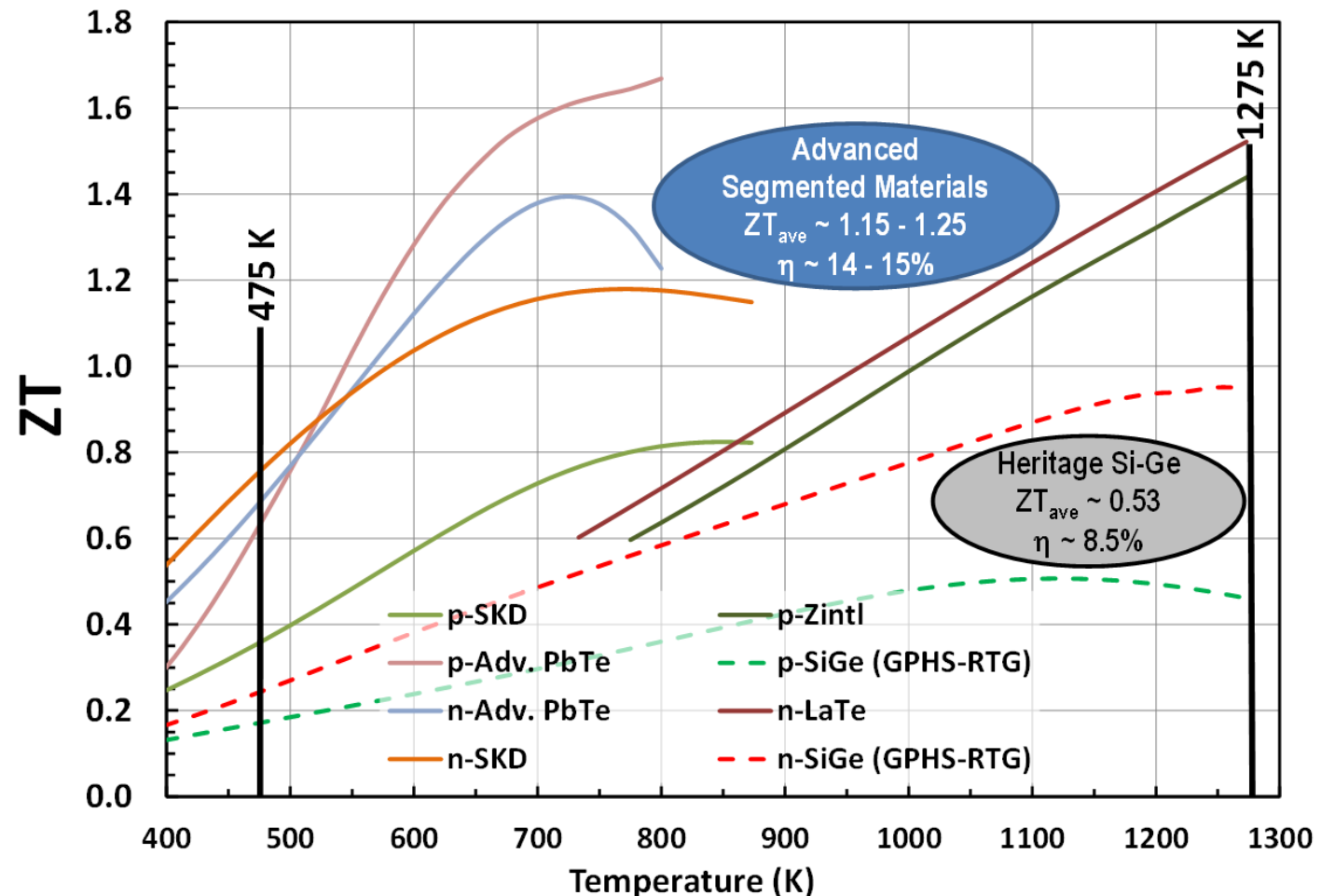
- Optimum Cost Fill Factor of Yee et al.\* (2013) Is Different Type of Analysis
  - Did Not Account for Heat Exchanger Heat Flux Conditions
  - Thermal Matching of the Hot-Side and Cold-Side Heat Exchangers
  - $A_u = A_{\text{HEX}}$
  - $K_H = UA_{\text{HEX}}$
- In Reality TE Module Optimum Fill Factor,  $F_{\text{opt}}$ , Impacted by:
  - Heat Exchanger Interfacial Heat Flux,  $q_{h,\text{HEX}}''$
  - Heat Exchanger Effectiveness,  $UA_h$
  - Parasitic Thermal Losses,  $\sigma$

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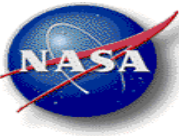


# TE Materials Investigated

- Focused on JPL Skutterudites Shown Here In This Initial Work
- Currently Developing and Commercializing These Materials
- We Used JPL Raw Cost Data in This Work







# Cost Modeling Approach

- Costs-per-Watt Relationships Become More Complex When Heat Exchanger Performance,  $UA_h$ , Heat Exchanger Heat Flux,  $q_{h,HEX}$ , and Different System Areas Accounted For
  - $A_{TE}$ ,  $A_{HEX}$ , and  $A_u$  Are Considered in Rigorous Detail;  $A_{HEX}$  and  $A_u$  Can Be Very Different in Magnitude
- Yee et al. [1] and LeBlanc et al. [2] Have Shown that Heat Exchanger Costs Can Be Characterized by  $C_{HEX,H}$  &  $C_{HEX,C}$ 
  - \$(/W/K) – Basically Cost per UA of the Heat Exchangers
  - Here We Include the Hot-Side and Cold-Side Heat Exchangers Individually
- Started Over With Fundamental Cost and G Relationships of Yee et al.
  - Did NOT Invoke Simplifying Assumptions of Yee et al.

<sup>1</sup> Yee, S. K., LeBlanc, S., Goodson, K. E., and Dames, C. *Energy & Environmental Science*, 2013, **6**, 2561-2571.

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$$C_{TEG}[\$] = (C''' \cdot L + C'') \cdot F \cdot A_{HEX} + (C_{HEX,h} \cdot K_H + C_{HEX,c} \cdot K_C)$$

$$G[\$/W] = \frac{\text{Total TEG Costs}}{P} = \frac{\text{Total TEG Cost}}{\eta_{TE} \cdot Q_H} = \frac{\text{Total TEG Cost}}{\eta_{TE} \cdot (1 - \sigma) Q}$$

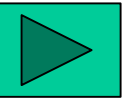
$$G = \frac{4 \cdot (m+1)^2}{S_{pn}^2 \cdot \sigma \cdot m \cdot (T_{exh} - T_{amb})^2} \cdot \left[ \frac{1.1 \cdot \kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX} \cdot F}{K_H} + L \right]^2 \cdot \left[ C''' + \frac{C''}{L} + \frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{A_{HEX} \cdot L \cdot F} \right]$$

$K_C / K_H > 10$  to 20      Incorporated this Added Relationship for Maximum Power\*\*

\*\*T. J. Hendricks, "Integrated Thermoelectric-Thermal System Resistance Optimization to Maximize Power Output in Thermoelectric Energy Recovery Systems, Mater. Res. Soc. Symp. Proceedings, **1642**, Materials Research Society, mrsf13-1642-bb02-04 doi:10.1557/opl.2014.443, 2014.

# Optimum Cost Function

- $G_{opt}(F_{opt}, \kappa_{TE}, K_H, L_{TE}, A_{HEX}, \text{Cost Parameters})$  is a complex function of 5 design parameter groups:
  - $[\kappa_{TE} L_{TE} / K_H]$  - Non-dimensional – Tied to TE Device/Heat Exchanger interfacial design parameters
  - $[F_{opt} A_{HEX} / L_{TE}^2]$  – Non – Dimensional – TE device design parameters
  - $[C_{HEX} UA_U] / [C''' L_{TE}^3 + C'' L_{TE}^2]$  - Non-dimensional - Ratio of heat exchanger costs to TE device costs
  - $[\kappa_{TE} A_{HEX} / (K_H L_{TE})]$  – Non-dimensional - Tied directly to interfacial heat flux
  - $1/[(S\Delta T)^2 \cdot \sigma \cdot L_{TE}]$  – Power factor effect
- At least two separate and distinct design areas involved ( $A_U$  &  $A_{HEX}$ ) - Must treat them separately as they are NOT even nearly equal
- $G_{opt}$  is a function of the TE/heat exchanger interfacial heat flux and  $UA_U$  – One cannot escape this fact
- Relationship below shows the comprehensive relationship that ties costs to heat exchanger design parameters



$$\frac{G_{opt} \left( \frac{\$}{W} \right) \cdot (S \cdot \Delta T)^2 \cdot \sigma \cdot L_{TE} \cdot m}{4 \cdot (C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2) \cdot (m + 1)^2} = \left( \frac{1.1 \cdot \kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX} \cdot F_{opt}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}} + 1 \right)^2 \cdot \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{(C_{HEX,H} + C_{HEX,C}) \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX} \cdot F_{opt}} \right) \right]$$

Note:  $\Delta T = T_{\text{exhaust}} - T_{\text{ambient}}$

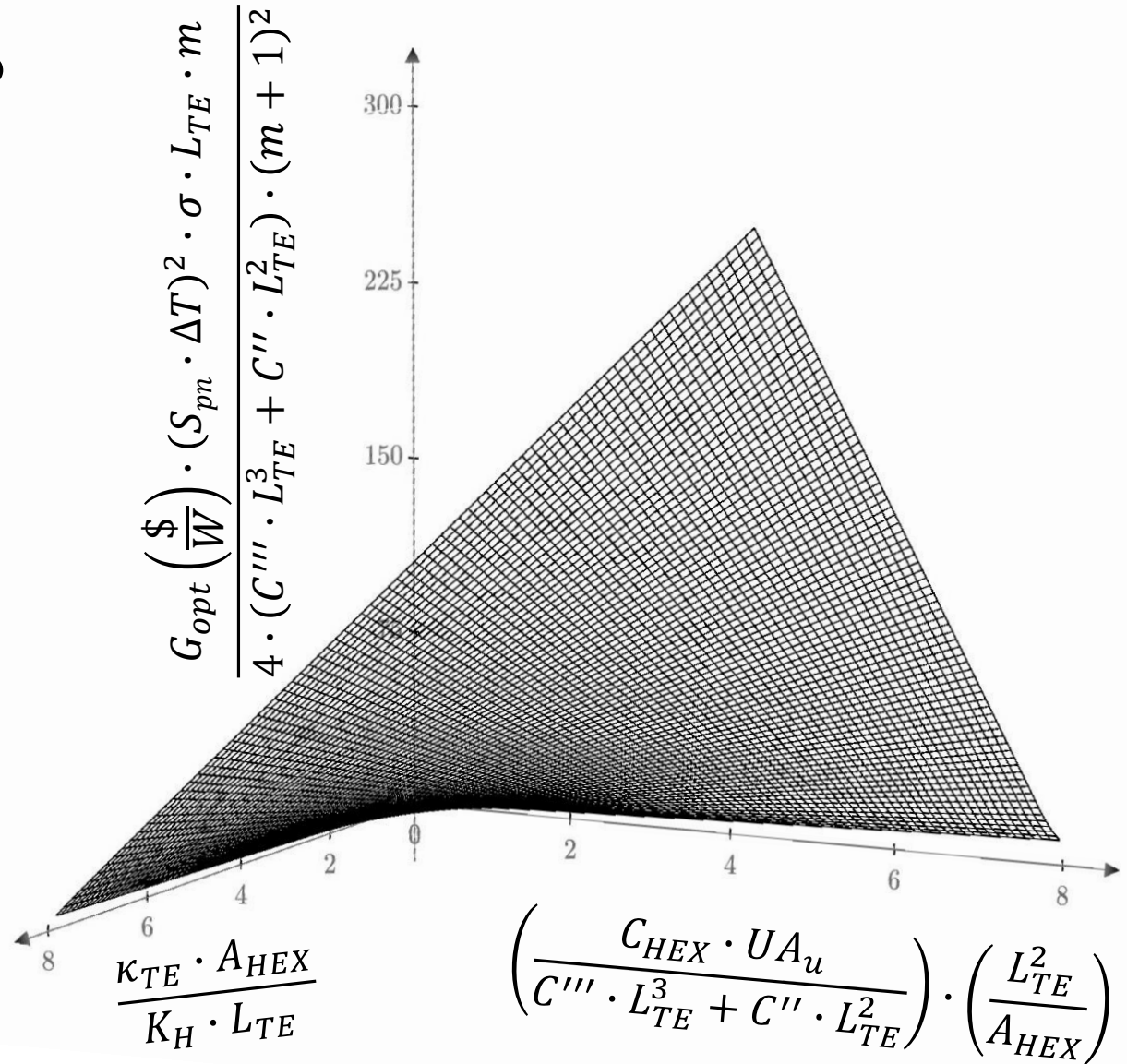
Coupled DIRECTLY to Interfacial Heat Flux

$$F_{opt} = \left( -\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{(C_{HEX,H} + C_{HEX,C}) \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX}} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\left( \frac{(C_{HEX,H} + C_{HEX,C}) \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right)^2 \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX}} \right)^2 + \frac{8}{1.1} \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX}} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{K_H \cdot L_{TE}}{\kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX}} \right) \left[ \frac{(C_{HEX,H} + C_{HEX,C}) \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right]} \right)$$

# Non-Dimensional TEG Costs Visually

- No real minimums or optimums – Non-dimensional cost simply increasing with two non-dimensional parameters shown
- Non-dimensional cost decreases as hot-side heat flux increases
- TE converter design parameters embedded
  - Dependence on  $L_{TE}$  is quite complex and not immediately obvious

$$F_{opt} = \text{function} \left[ \left( \frac{\kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}} \right), \left( \frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L}{A} \right) \right]$$





# Critical Low TEG Cost Relationships

- Two Critical Cost-Determining Factors:

$$\frac{1.1 \cdot \kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX} \cdot F_{opt}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}} < 0.05$$

$$\left( \frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX} \cdot F_{opt}} \right) < 0.05$$

- Which we generally want to minimize (At least we would like to) – But can one do this?
- First criteria generally states that we want increased heat fluxes

$$\frac{22 \cdot \kappa_{TE} \cdot (T_{exh} - T_{hot}) \cdot F_{opt}}{L_{TE}} < q''_{h,HEX}$$

- But this actually creates a competition/conflict with interfacial energy equation, one cannot actually satisfy this relation – too severe, so there is a limit here

- Goal would be achieve as high a heat flux as possible consistent with interfacial energy equation

$$\frac{2.2 \cdot \kappa_{TE} \cdot (T_{exh} - T_{hot})}{L_{TE}} \left[ \frac{1}{\left( \frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX}} \right)} + 0.5 \right] > q''_{h,HEX}$$

- Second criteria generally states that we want low-cost heat exchange systems
- Establishes relationships between TE converter design parameters and cost parameters for low-cost

# Critical Low TEG Cost Relationships

- $(G_{opt}, F_{opt})$  Relations Now Give Us a Window into Two Critical Cost Minimization Relationships

$$\left( \frac{(C_{HEX,h} + C_{HEX,c}) \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX} \cdot F_{opt}} \right) < 0.05 \quad (19)$$

$$\left( \frac{1.1 \cdot \kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX} \cdot F_{opt}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}} \right) < 0.05 \quad (20)$$

This is basically  $\sim$  Hot-Side Heat Flux,  $q''_{HEX}$

- These Can Be Further Re-Arranged in to Highly Useful Forms that Provide Key Insights On How Heat Exchanger and Thermoelectric Parameters Interact In Minimizing Cost

$$\left( \frac{(C_{HEX,h} + C_{HEX,c}) \cdot UA_u}{C'' \cdot A_{HEX}} \right) < 0.05 \cdot \left( \frac{C''' \cdot L_{TE}}{C''} + 1 \right) \cdot F_{opt} \quad (21)$$

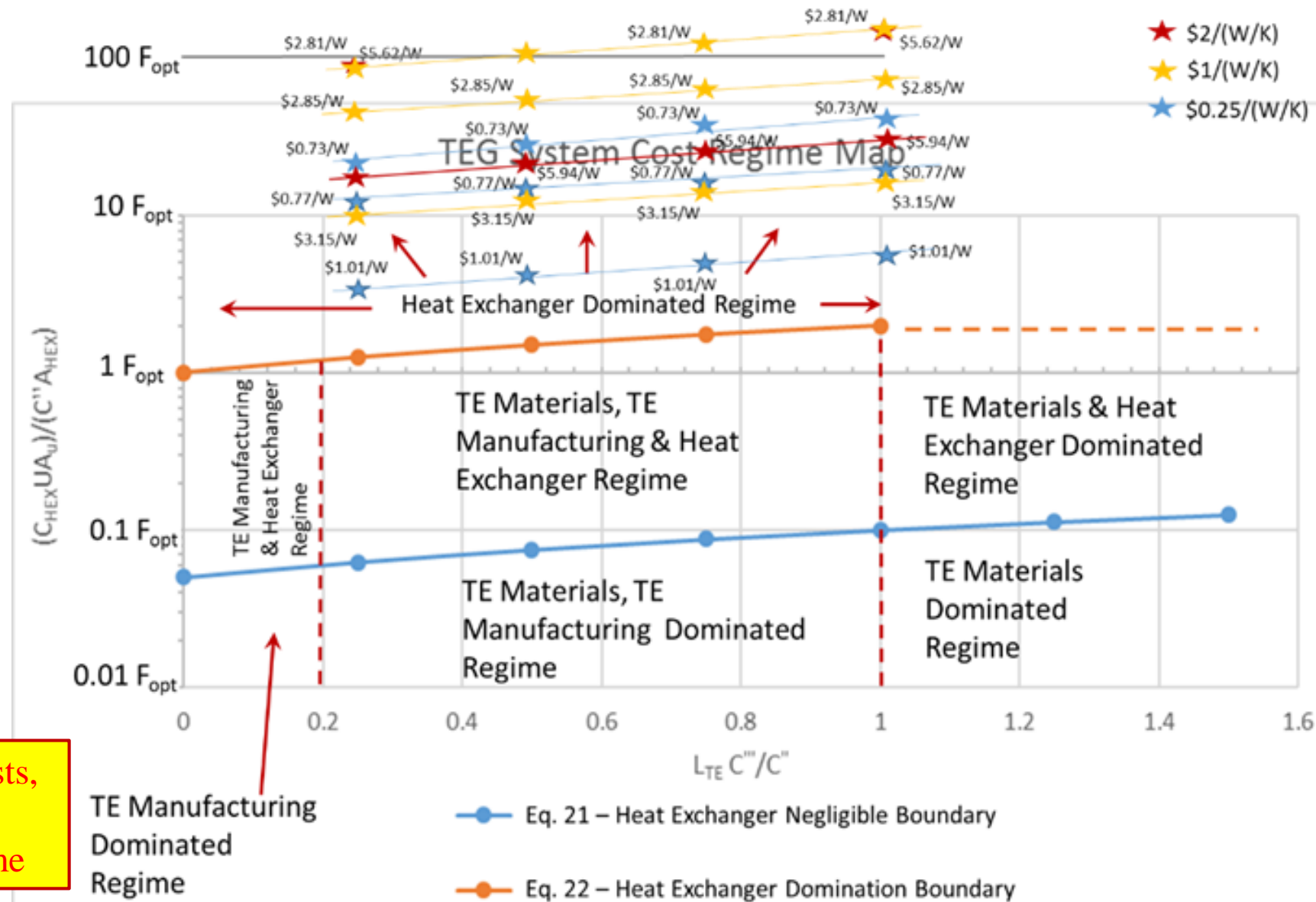
$$\left( \frac{(C_{HEX,h} + C_{HEX,c}) \cdot UA_u}{C'' \cdot A_{HEX}} \right) > \left( \frac{C''' \cdot L_{TE}}{C''} + 1 \right) \cdot F_{opt} \quad (22)$$





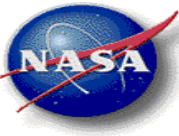
# Cost Regime Mapping

- Cost Regime Maps Can Now Be Constructed and Explored
- Constant Cost [\$ /W] Lines are Shown
  - Generally Parallel Lines
  - Closely Parallel to Heat Exchanger Domination Boundaries
- (\$1/W) Extremely Challenging
  - Heat Exchangers Must be Very Inexpensive
- (\$3/W) More Achievable



Heat Exchangers Can Dominate The Costs, Even at Low Cost Levels and It is Extremely Difficult to Escape this Regime

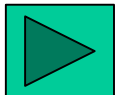
# TEG Breakeven Point as a Function of Local Electricity Costs



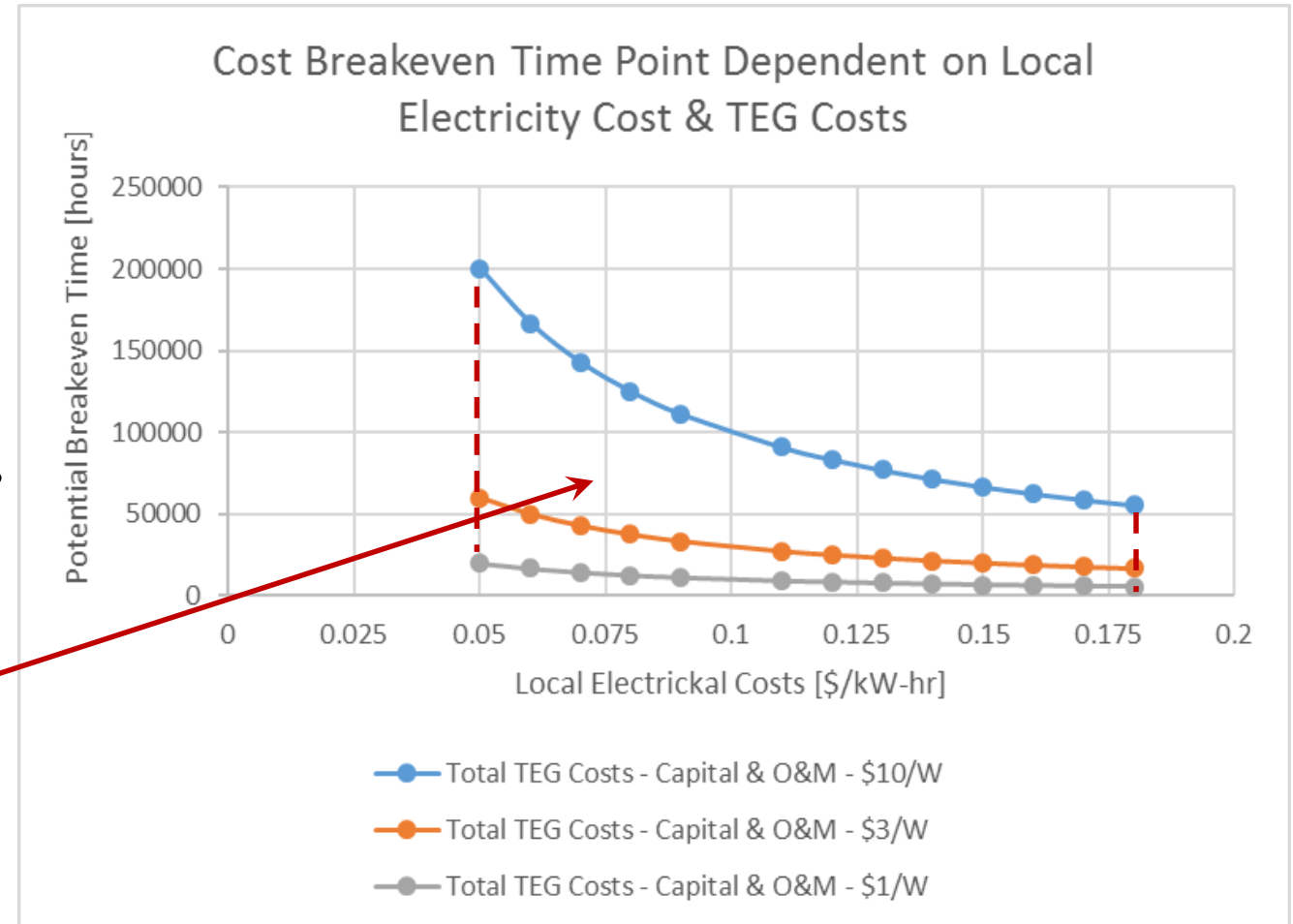
- TEG does add value as it generates useful electrical energy
- Does have an economic benefit depending on local cost of electricity for given application – time dependent

$$t_{BE,Min} \geq \frac{G_{opt} + G_{O\&M}}{Cost_{Electric}}$$

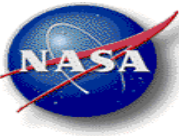
- Simple analysis – No time value of money included
- Does show the point why \$1/W is so important
- Applications with longer power production times are key – Play to TEG reliability strengths



Potential Cost  
Breakeven Envelope







# Final Thoughts & Conclusions

- ❖ Investigated and Characterized Maximum Specific Power Regimes, Relationships with Maximum Efficiency, Maximum Power, and Low Cost per Watt Regions - Highly Relevant Terrestrial Power System Application
- ❖ Leveraged Cost Modeling Methodology of Yee and LeBlanc Combined with TE System-Level Analyses of Hendricks to Develop More Comprehensive Optimum Cost Fill Factor Analysis
  - ❖ Fill Factor,  $F$ , and Heat Exchanger Mounting Area,  $A_{HEX}$ , No Longer Arbitrarily Selected – They are Part of the Optimization
- ❖ Hot-Side and Cold-Side Heat Exchanger Performance and Costs More Rigorously & Directly Included
  - ❖ Heat Exchanger UA
  - ❖ Heat Exchanger Heat Flux
  - ❖ All Relevant Areas ( $A_{TE}$ ,  $A_{HEX}$ , and  $A_u$ ) Accounted For Separately
- ❖ New  $G_{opt}$  ( $F_{opt}$ ) Relationship Developed – More Comprehensive Relationship that More Accurately Accounts for UA and  $q_{h,HEX}$  Effects – New Relationship Allows Us to Investigate Cost-Performance Impacts of Various Heat Exchanger Technologies
- ❖  $G_{opt}$  and  $F_{opt}$  Inextricably Governed by Heat Exchanger Design Parameters and Heat Flux  $q_{h,HEX}$
- ❖ Rigorous Cost Regime Mapping Now Possible Showing TE Parameter & Heat Exchanger Parameter Relationships for Cost-Effective, Cost-Competitive TE Systems
- ❖ Goal is to Transition Terrestrial Power Advances Back into NASA Missions & Systems

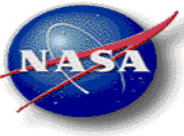
Expanding Our Energy Toolbox

New Cost Minimization Criteria Identified  
& Impacts Elucidated

Terrestrial Power Advances



NASA Mission Requirements



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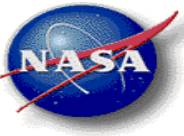
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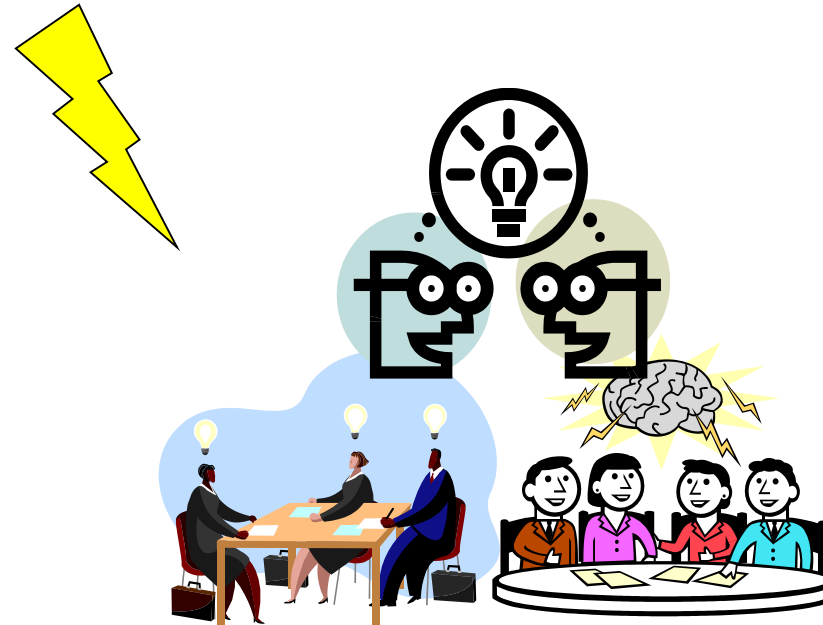
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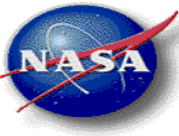


We are What We Repeatedly do. Excellence, Then, is not an Act, But a Habit.

Aristotle

## **Questions & Discussion**





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# BACKUP

Learn from the mistakes  
of others. You won't live  
long enough to make  
them all yourself.

Catch This Wave ..... And **Ride** It!!

We Can Do This!! We Have the Tools and Knowledge!

This Too Can Be The Ride of Our Lives!!



Yogi Berra

**AN ENERGY TSUNAMI AHEAD**

# Heat Exchanger Cost Characterization

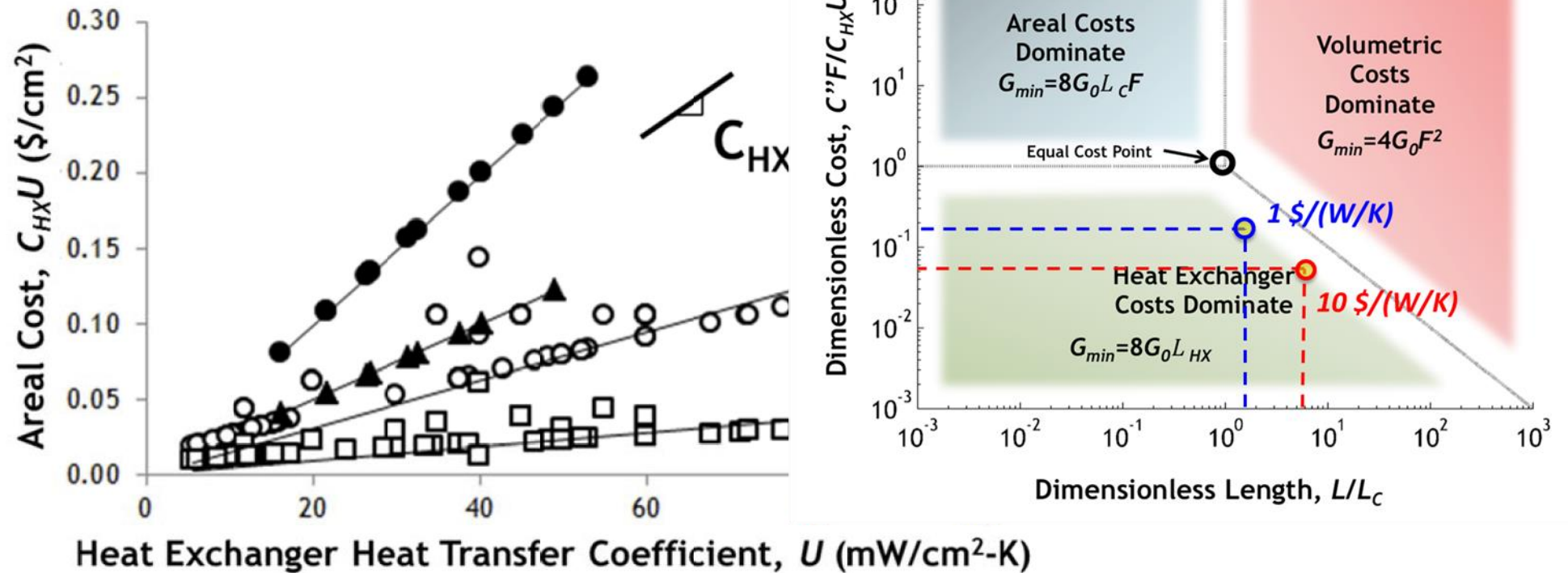


Figure S1: Heat exchanger costs. Typical areal cost as a function of heat transfer coefficient for tube and shell (open points) and plate and fin heat exchangers (solid points). The cost depends on the heat flow  $\dot{Q}_H$  and temperature difference ( $T_H - T_L$ ). For  $K_H = \dot{Q}_H / (T_H - T_L) = 5$  kW/K (circles), 10 kW/K (triangles), and 30 kW/K (squares). Data extracted from Ref. 17.





# The Magnitude of Our Energy Problem

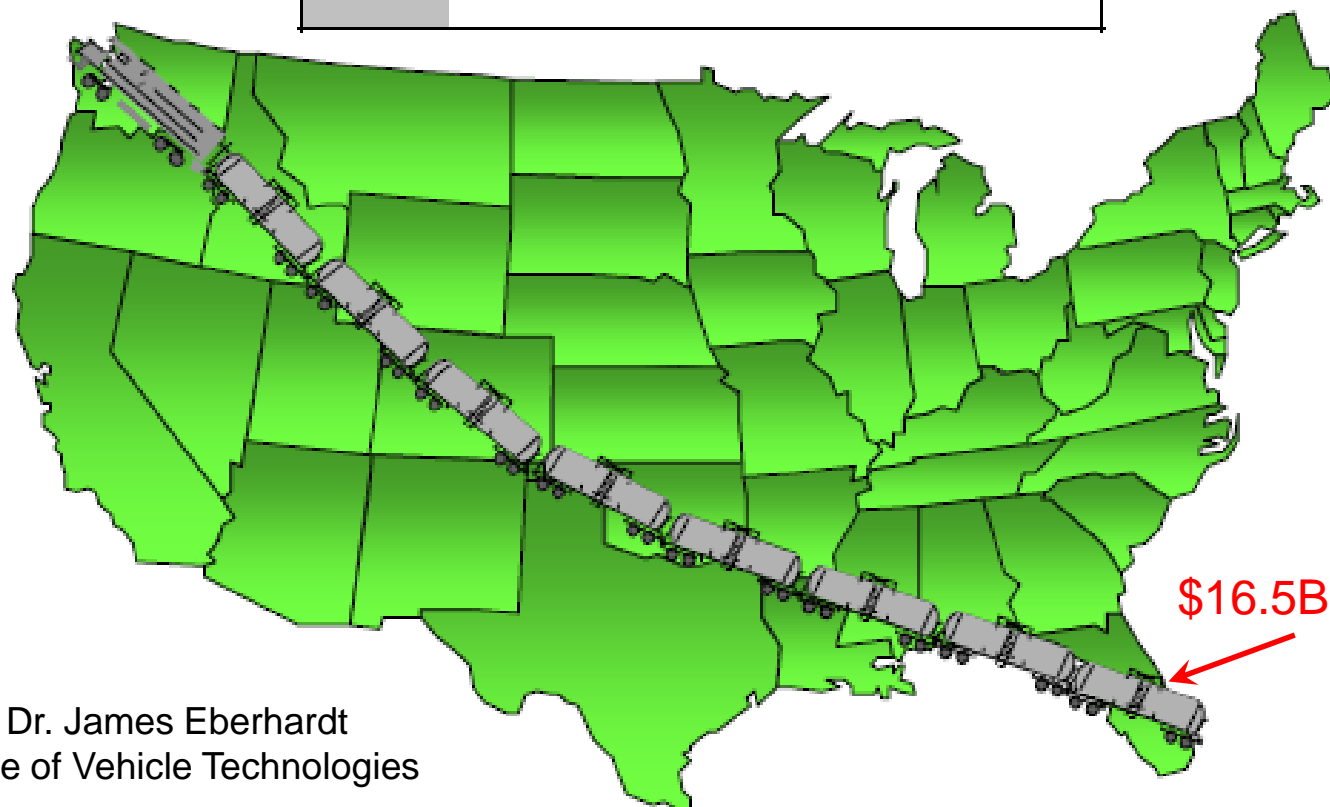
Office of Heavy Vehicle Technologies



	1973	1997
U.S.	74 Quads	91 Quads
World	225 Quads	365 Quads

2014  
→ ~98.3 Quads<sup>1</sup>

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\$16.5B @ \$50/Barrel



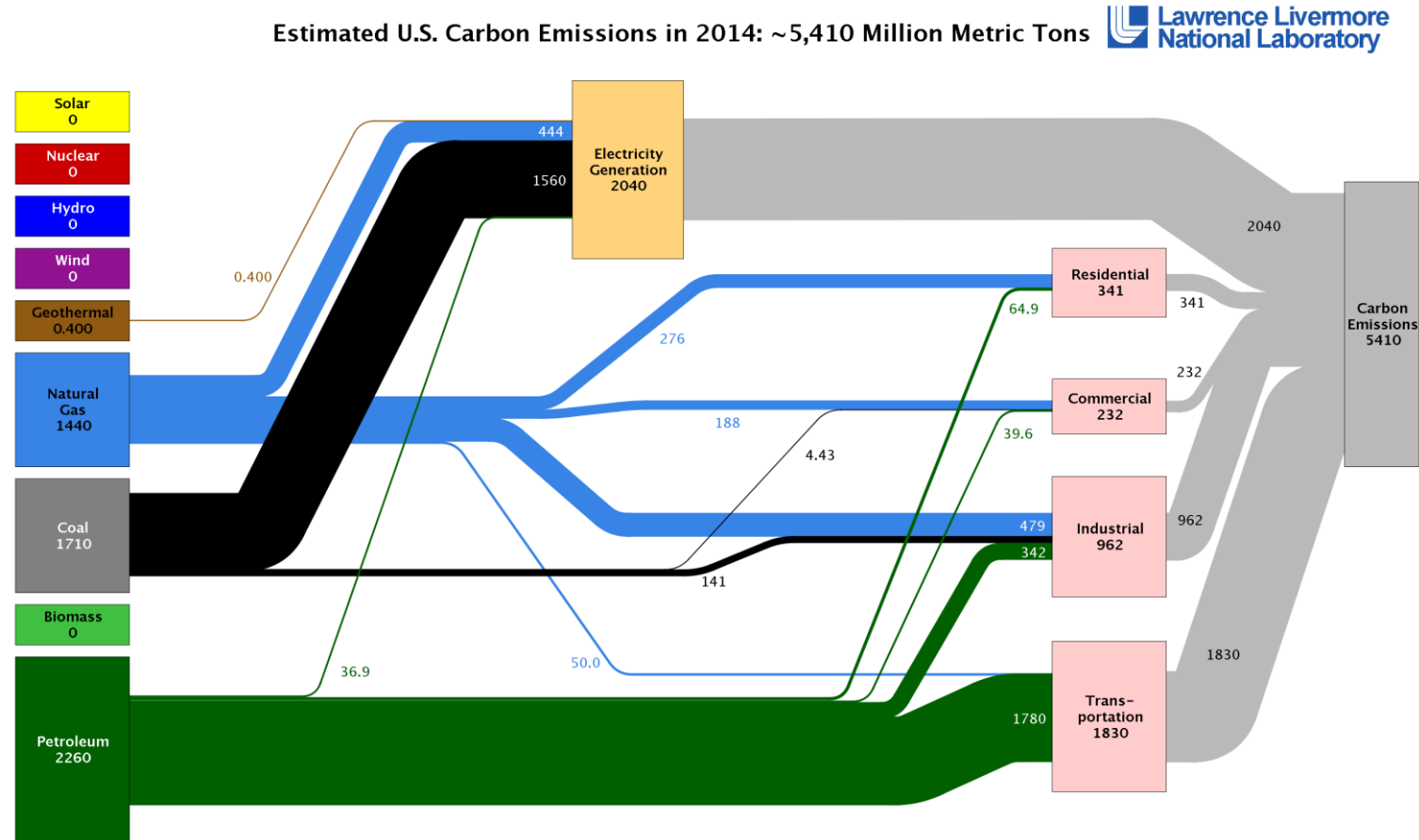
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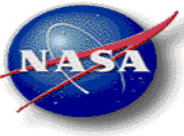
# Environmental Effects Are Strongly Tied to Our Energy Use

- ~1 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> produced per 1 kWhr (Coal Produced Power)
- ~0.5 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> is produced for 1 kWhr (Natural Gas Power)
- Coal Price \$52.45 / short ton (28 April) = ~2.62 / Million BTU
- Natural Gas Spot Price \$2.5-3.25/Million BTU (U.S. Spot Prices)
  - Has been less than this fairly recently

Down ~400 Million Metric Tons From 2008  
Mostly from Reduced Coal & Petroleum Use



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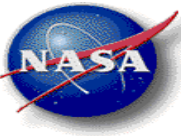
# TE & Heat Exchanger Costs

	$C'''$ (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	$C''$ (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )	HEX Costs (\$/(W/K))	$\left(\frac{\kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX}}\right)$	$\frac{G_{opt} \left(\frac{\$}{W}\right) \cdot (S \cdot \Delta T)^2 \cdot \sigma \cdot L_{TE} \cdot m}{4 \cdot (C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2) \cdot (m + 1)^2}$	G (\$/W)	Lte* $\frac{C'''}{C''}$
Case 1	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	22.43	131.9	1.43	1.02
Case 2	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$1/(W/K)	1.30	44.85	259.9	2.81	1.02
Case 3	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$2/(W/K)	1.30	89.7	515.9	5.58	1.02
Case 4	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	11.2	67.8	1.47	1.02
Case 5	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$1.0/(W/K)	1.30	22.43	131.9	2.85	1.02
Case 6	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$2.0/(W/K)	1.30	44.85	259.9	5.62	1.02
Case 7	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	2.24	16.1	1.74	1.02
Case 8	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$1.0/(W/K)	1.30	4.49	29.2	3.15	1.02
Case 9	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$2.0/(W/K)	1.30	8.97	54.9	5.94	1.02

- The \$1-2/(W/K) Condition Still Does Not Escape the Heat Exchanger Cost-Dominated Regime
- Heat Exchanger dominated region identified



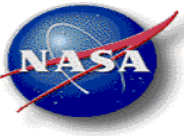
# TE / Heat Exchanger Interfacial Heat Flux Requirements



	$C'''$ (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	$C''$ (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )	HEX Costs (\$/(W/K))	$\left(\frac{\kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{C''' \cdot L_{TE}^3 + C'' \cdot L_{TE}^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{L_{TE}^2}{A_{HEX}}\right)$	$q_{low}$ (W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) Eq. 20	$q_{high}$ (W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) Eq. 19
Case 1	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	22.43	213.6	17.58
Case 2	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$1/(W/K)	1.30	44.85	219.5	16.86
Case 3	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$2/(W/K)	1.30	89.7	222.7	16.5
Case 4	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	11.2	203.3	19.0
Case 5	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$1.0/(W/K)	1.30	22.43	213.6	17.58
Case 6	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$2.0/(W/K)	1.30	44.85	219.5	16.86
Case 7	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	2.24	157.6	30.53
Case 8	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$1.0/(W/K)	1.30	4.49	180.9	23.33
Case 9	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$2.0/(W/K)	1.30	8.97	198.9	19.7

- The \$1-2/(W/K) Condition Still Does Not Escape the Heat Exchanger Cost-Dominated Regime
- Heat Exchanger dominated region identified





# TE & Heat Exchanger Cost Regimes

	$C'''$ (\$/m <sup>3</sup> )	$C''$ (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )	HEX Costs (\$/(W/K))	$\left(\frac{\kappa_{TE} \cdot A_{HEX}}{K_H \cdot L_{TE}}\right)$	$\left(\frac{C_{HEX} \cdot UA_u}{C'' \cdot A_{HEX}}\right)$	$\frac{L_{TE} \cdot C'''}{C''}$
Case 1	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	45.5	1.02
Case 2	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$1/(W/K)	1.30	91.05	1.02
Case 3	8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	168.3	\$2/(W/K)	1.30	182.1	1.02
Case 4	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	22.8	1.02
Case 5	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$1.0/(W/K)	1.30	45.5	1.02
Case 6	2x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	2x168.3	\$2.0/(W/K)	1.30	91.05	1.02
Case 7	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$0.5/(W/K)	1.30	4.56	1.02
Case 8	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$1.0/(W/K)	1.30	9.11	1.02
Case 9	10x8.657x10 <sup>4</sup>	10x168.3	\$2.0/(W/K)	1.30	18.2	1.02

Heat Exchangers Can Dominate The Costs, Even at Low Cost Levels and It is Extremely Difficult to Escape this Regime

- Considered 8 TE / Heat Exchanger Cost Conditions In the Cost Domain Map - \$1.5/W to \$2.9/W appears possible
  - Requires <\$2/(W/K) - Aggressive Condition That May Require R&D Investment – Some Believe They Can Get this Now
- The \$1-2/(W/K) Condition Still Does Not Escape the Heat Exchanger Cost-Dominated Regime

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